

Our Town



TOWN of WAKE FOREST

MAY/JUNE 2011

Meet in the Street

**Saturday, May 7; 10 am-4 pm
South White Street, Downtown
Wake Forest**

Enjoy a day filled with food and entertainment including live music and children's activities at the 31st Annual Meet in the Street festival. Stroll down South White Street in historic downtown Wake Forest and stop by dozens of artisan's booths featuring handcrafted arts and crafts.

Admission to the festival is free. Sponsored by the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Event Manager Kara Louise at (919) 521-4499 or kara@louiseprod.com.



Register in June for Fall baseball and softball

Registration for softball and baseball (ages 6 to 16) will be held from June 1-30. Adult co-recreational and men's softball registration will be held from June 1-24. For more information, call (919) 435-9560 or visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation.aspx.

Information at your fingertips

Town launches redesigned website

The Town of Wake Forest is pleased to announce the launch of its redesigned website at www.wakeforestnc.gov.

The new and improved site is a portal to useful information about Town departments, programs, and services. The enhanced site features an updated homepage, a streamlined navigation system, and a more user-friendly design.

Visitors can navigate site pages more easily thanks to convenient drop-down menus designed to organize information about the Town.

"The improvements to our website help us to communi-

cate more effectively with our residents and anyone interested in learning more about our community," said Public Information Officer Bill Crabtree.

The new website was designed using the latest technology to ensure full compatibility and accessibility with modern devices, including smartphones and tablets.

The Town of Wake Forest always welcomes feedback about its programs and services. If you have a comment or suggestion about the new website, simply fill out the "Contact Us" form online at www.wakeforestnc.gov/contactus.aspx.

"We are very pleased with the new site and encourage residents to explore all the information that is available."

Public Information Officer Bill Crabtree

Town welcomes new Parks and Recreation Director

Ruben Wall joined the Town of Wake Forest staff in early April. As Wake Forest's Parks and Recreation Director, Wall will be responsible for providing oversight and direction for the town's celebrated parks, outdoor spaces, and recreation programs. He will supervise 15 full-time staff and oversee an operating budget of \$2.73 million.

Wall, 43, succeeds Susan Simpson who retired in December. A native of Richmond County, Wall comes to Wake Forest from



Goldsboro, where he served as the Parks and Recreation Director since April 2010. Prior to Goldsboro,

he was the Assistant Director for Durham Parks and Recreation where he was in charge of the Programs Division.

Wall holds a Bachelors Degree in Recreation from Shaw University, and a Masters Degree in Recreation Management from North Carolina Central University. He is a member of the National Recreation and Parks Association, as well as the N.C. Recreation and Parks Association.

Six Sundays in Spring

CONCERT SERIES

Bring the kids, friends, a picnic, and a blanket for a free concert at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Rd. The concert series begins at 5 pm on six consecutive Sundays.

SCHEDULED PERFORMERS:

May 1: Kaptain Dixie's Spud and Suds Band (steel drums) and the Franklin Academy High School Jazz Ensemble

May 8: Dub Addis (reggae/island music)

May 15: Jeanne Jolly (folk/country/rock)

May 22: Marcus Anderson (jazz)

May 29: Ironing Board Sam (blues)

June 5: Al Batten and the Bluegrass Reunion (bluegrass)

Snacks and refreshments are available. *Please note: no alcohol, firearms, or unleashed dogs are allowed.* Sponsored by Wake Forest ARTS (formerly the Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association). For more information, visit www.wakeforestarts.org.

Wake Forest ARTS seeks new board members

Wake Forest ARTS, presenter of Six Sundays in Spring, announces openings for volunteer board members. The term of commitment is three years beginning in July 2011.

The mission of the non-profit group is to support a vibrant community through the development, of arts and cultural activities.

To apply, please send a brief statement of interest noting any special skills or experience to Elizabeth at vicepresident@wakeforestarts.org. For more information regarding Wake Forest ARTS, visit www.wakeforestarts.org.

Save the date for annual fireworks show

The Fourth of July fireworks celebration is scheduled for **Sunday, July 3** at Heritage High School. Sponsored by the Fourth of July Committee, the event includes live music, skydivers and a spectacular fireworks show.



The Town of Wake Forest distributed over 3,000 tree seedlings to residents in March.

The Parks & Recreation Department will open Holding Park Pool, 301 W. Owen Ave., on Saturday, May 28. The pool will be open on weekends only from May 28-June 5. Beginning June 11, the pool will be open seven days a week: Mon-Fri, 1 pm-6 pm and Sat-Sun, 1 pm-7 pm.

Seasonal Passes

Seasonal passes go on sale May 2 at Town Hall. Passes cost \$40 for residents and \$65 for non-residents. Discounts are available for each additional person in the same household (residents only).

Swim Lesson Registration

Swim class sessions will be offered in June and July. Specific dates and times will be announced on May 23. Registration begins June 1. All registrations will be accepted at Town Hall. Fees for lessons are \$35 for residents and \$70 for non-residents.

For more information, visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation.aspx or call (919) 435-9560.



Holding Park Pool

Opens May 28 | 133 W. Owen Ave.



Dunn Creek Greenway to open mid-summer

Wake Forest will soon have another mile of completed trail in its greenway system. The Dunn Creek Greenway is expected to be finished by June or July. The completion of this trail will bring the total miles of greenway to 7.93.

The new segment begins at Smith Creek Soccer Center and links to the existing ½ mile section along Smith Creek. The trail, which includes four bridges (pictured at right), ends at Dr. Calvin Jones Highway.

Cougar football video tribute DVD now on sale

The DVD of the March *Focus on Wake Forest* that honors last year's Wake Forest-Rolesville High School football team is now on sale at Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St. The commemorative DVD costs \$5 each and can be purchased with cash or check made payable to the Town of Wake Forest.

Watch the tribute in streaming video at www.wakeforestnc.gov/focusonwakeforest_march2011.aspx.

Citizens invited to do more than just vote

To accommodate Wake County's rapid growth, the Board of Elections is recruiting civic-minded individuals to serve as paid precinct officials for the November 2011 elections.

"We will be creating over 10 additional precincts, one of which will be in Wake Forest. These additions necessitate 70+ precinct officials in order to staff the new polling locations," said Gary Sims, Deputy Director of Wake County Board of Elections.

To fill out an application to become a precinct official visit www.wakegov.com/elections/getinvolved.



Bringing our history to life

Cemetery Walking Tour Saturday, May 14; 10 am-Noon Wake Forest Cemetery

Now in its third year, the Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour is a great way to hear the fascinating stories of the people from the town's past. The event is set for Saturday, May 14 at the Wake Forest Cemetery on North White Street.

During the tour, guests can walk through the cemetery at their own pace and listen to the colorful stories that recount the lives, accomplishments, and contributions of our historic and notable cemetery residents. Local history buffs will serve as volunteer docents.

Cemetery tours are popular throughout the United States. Contrary to what their name might imply, they are far from morbid events.

"Last year, I had a couple call from the Hampton Inn. They were passing through town and wanted to go to the tour to learn more about Wake Forest," recalls Betty Pearce at the Public Works Department.

The Wake Forest Cemetery Advisory Board began sponsoring the tour to celebrate the lives of the men and women who established the Wake Forest community, as well as its culture and destiny. One of the

most notable individuals buried in the town's cemetery is Major League baseball player Tommy Byrne. Many other lesser known names offer an equal amount of historical interest.

The tour will include singers and Civil War reenactors. Graves of war veterans will be marked with a flag.

For more information, contact Nancy Bates at (919) 556-2111 or nancyb_b@earthlink.net.

Wake Forest Cemetery



2011 Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners

Best Picture and State Entry:

Calvin Nguyen, 5th grade

(pictured above, far right); Best

Picture, Honorable Mention:

Natalie Rouse, 5th grade;

Most Creative: **Katherine**

Panebianco, 1st grade; Most

Creative, Honorable Mention:

Chloe Neunsinger, 5th grade

Upcoming Events

MAY & JUNE

Six Sundays in Spring

Sundays, May 1-June 5; 5 pm-7 pm

E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Rd.
Presented by Wake Forest ARTS,
www.wakeforestarts.org.

Wake Forest Farmers Market

Saturdays; 8 am-Noon

Depot Parking Lot, 110 S. White St.
www.wakeforestmarket.org,
(919) 671-9269.

Meet in the Street

Saturday, May 7; 10 am-4 pm

South White Street
Presented by the Wake Forest
Area Chamber of Commerce,
(919) 556-1519.

Art After Hours

Friday, May 13; 5 pm-9 pm

Downtown Wake Forest
Art openings, live music, free horse
& carriage rides (weather permitting).
Wake Forest DRC (919) 570-1372.

Wake Forest

Cemetery Walking Tour

Saturday, May 14; 10 am-Noon

Wake Forest Cemetery, North White Street
Sponsored by the Wake Forest
Cemetery Advisory Board. Contact
Nancy Bates at (919) 556-2111.

Bicycle Safety Fair

Sunday, May 22; 10 am-3 pm

Town Hall, Taylor Street parking lot
Sponsored by the Town of Wake
Forest. Contact Candace Davis
at (919) 435-9513 or cdavis@wakeforestnc.gov.

For a full listing of community events,
visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/
communitycalendar.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/communitycalendar.aspx).

Book illustrates town's history

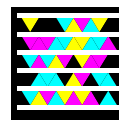
Connections...100 Years of Wake Forest History

Enjoy the rich history of Wake Forest and learn how it has grown from a small college town to a thriving community of 30,000 residents.

The beautiful 176-page hardcover book is a treasure trove of pictures, original artwork and stories recording the people, places, and events of the past 100 years.

Books are available for \$35 each at Town Hall and online at www.wakeforestnc.gov/marketplace.aspx.

The Town of Wake Forest is expanding the ways that residents can access information. Link quickly to the website by scanning the colored code with your smartphone. Tag reader is available at www.gettag.mobi.



Your Government

Board of Commissioners Work Session

First Tuesday | 5:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

Planning Board Meetings

First Tuesday | 7:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

Board of Commissioners Meetings

Third Tuesday | 7:00 pm
Town Hall Board Room

- Watch meetings live on Community Channel 10.
- Watch re-broadcasts of meetings on Community Channel 10 at 9 am, 3 pm and 9 pm daily for up to two weeks after the meeting.

- Watch meetings live or on-demand in streaming video: [www.wakeforestnc.gov/Government/
boardofcommissioners.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/Government/boardofcommissioners.aspx).

Have agendas delivered directly to your inbox. Sign up at: www.wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx.

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Sign up for E-News.

Subscribe to **E-News** and have the Town's electronic newsletter delivered directly to your inbox each month. E-News subscribers also receive **The Week Ahead**, a weekly email publication that provides information about upcoming events, as well as **E-Alerts** offering breaking news and urgent notifications.

Sign up for E-Notifier.

E-Notifier alerts subscribers to the availability of Board of Commissioners and Planning Board meeting agendas, the Town Manager's Weblog, RecConnect, and—our newest offering—a monthly update of new businesses coming to Wake Forest!

Sign up for both electronic services at www.wakeforestnc.gov/communications.aspx.



2011 Bicycle Safety Fair

Sunday, May 22

10 am-3 pm

Wake Forest Town Hall in the Taylor Street parking lot

Learn about safe riding at the annual Bicycle Safety Fair hosted by the Town of Wake Forest.

Children ages 5 to 14 are invited to participate in a bicycle rodeo. The first 100 children to successfully complete the course will receive a free "kiddie kona" from Kona Ice. The Town of Wake Forest Planning Department staff and the Wake Forest Police Department will be on hand to assist.

The Bicycle Safety Fair is held during the Historic Downtown Wake Forest Criterium, a bicycle race that takes place along the streets of downtown.

For more information about the Bicycle Safety Fair, contact Candace Davis at (919) 435-9513 or cdavis@wakeforestnc.gov.

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